

REMARKS

Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested. It is earnestly believed that the present amendment places the application in a condition for allowance and, thus, entry of the amendment is clearly appropriate.

By the present amendment, claims 1, 3, and 9-14 have been cancelled. Claim 21 has been amended and dependent claims 22-27 have been added. Allowance of claims 15-20 is noted.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 21-27 are allowable. Specifically, claim 21 was indicated as being allowable in the Office Action dated January 21, 2003. Claim 21 has been amended to more clearly define the invention of claim 21 by changing the word "axle" to "axis" throughout. None of the cited prior art describes or suggests a first swiveling axis and a second swiveling axis, about which each vane pivots at the same time and that the first swiveling axis is spaced apart from the second swiveling axis. Thus, claim 21 is allowable.

Claims 22-27 depend from claim 21 and are allowable for the same reasons as claim 21 and for the specific recitations therein.

The present amendment was not earlier presented because the applicant believed that the application was in a condition for allowance. The present amendment does not raise any new issues and does not require any further searching on the part of the Examiner. The present amendment is necessary to cancel

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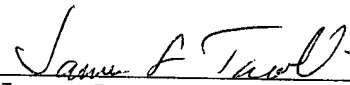


claims 1, 3, and 9-14, more clearly define the invention of claim 21, and add dependent claims 22-27. The present amendment places the application in a condition for allowance and is believed to be clearly appropriate.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the amendment be entered and the application allowed.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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